

# *The Town and Country Chorus*

*NOTES ♪ NEWS and VIEWS for February 23, 2021*

No shoveling snow this morning, hurray! Everyone should be plowed out from the storm earlier in the week I hope. Well, those having sidewalks and driveways in Michigan and Ohio anyway. But if you happen to be wintering in Texas then you may be suffering from the nasty weather also.

We've had enough snow to run some of the old gasoline through the snow blower. Have got a nice shine to the snow shovel now. Sufficient snow for the snowmobilers to put a few hours on the machines. And I think enough ice to move the shanties a little farther out into the lake. Ok, spring has permission to get started by my reckoning.

COVID-19 seems to be ramping down a bit. Communities are opening up little by little. Get your vaccination and keep your fingers crossed that we can put the worst of this behind us.

There's an update or two in the calendar section so take a look there.

Otherwise keep the music in front of you if you can. We have begun singing one hymn (with our masks) on Sundays in our church. It is wonderful to participate in and here group singing again! Certainly wets your appetite to get back to singing.

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Please check the chorus Facebook page for chorus updates as well as links to goings on in the barbershop world. The District and Society's websites carry a lot of news and information also.

Take a few minutes of your day and check in with each other, stay connected as best you can. We cannot know when we'll be able to again participate in live rehearsals and see each other face to face. Stay in touch. Somehow, someday, until then, **Keep the Whole World Singing!**

Take care and stay healthy,

*Gary*

*Log into these websites to keep informed as to what's happening in the Pioneer District, the Barbershop Harmony Society, and the Harmony Foundation.*

*[www.townandcountrychorus.com](http://www.townandcountrychorus.com)*

*[www.pioneerdistrict.org](http://www.pioneerdistrict.org)*

*[www.barbershop.org](http://www.barbershop.org)*

*[www.harmonyfoundation.org](http://www.harmonyfoundation.org)*

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## **Calendar for 2021**

### **APRIL**

**23-25, Fri-Sun:** The in-person Spring Convention has been **CANCELED**. However, details are coming out now for the **2021 Pioneer District Spring Un"Conventional" al Virtual Event**. Go online to the district's website, <https://www.pioneedistrict.org/events/unconventional-spring-convention> to see what's going on and the times the events will be taking place. **The Troub** will also be carrying details of the weekend.

### **JUNE**

**28-July 4, Mon-Sun:** The in-person 2021 International Convention in Cleveland, Ohio has been CANCELED. Stay tuned as the BHS analyzes options and possible next steps.

### **AUGUST**

**27-29, Fri-Sun (Tentative):** Great Lakes Harmony Brigade (rescheduled from June 4-6), Okemos Conference Center, Okemos, MI. The GLHB Board is asking for feedback from those interested in participating as to the level of interest, COVID-19 concerns, etc.

### **OCTOBER**

**15-17, Fri-Sun:** Fall Convention, Battle Creek, the Radisson and W.K. Kellogg Auditorium.

***"Seek, develop, use and enhance the skills and talents of each member to such an extent that progress seems limitless."***

